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THURSDAY, FEB. 9, 1911.

A Legitimate (?) Political Game.

On last Tuesday one Mil-  
ton Lykins, Baptist preach-  
er, bootlegger, resident of  
Morgan, Magoffin and Wolf  
counties, was arrested on a  
number of capiases pro fine  
which issued from the office  
of the Circuit Court Clerk of  
Morgan county, and delivered  
to the Jailor of Morgan  
county, as the officers  
thought, to serve time, do  
penance and read his bible,  
the better to prepare himself  
to preach the gospel of Jesus  
Christ when liberated from  
prison.

But picture the look of  
blank surprise on the faces  
of the guardians of the law  
when Parson Lykins delved  
into his jeans, produced a  
pardon signed by our Good  
Governor "Gussie" and flour-  
ished it in the faces of those  
who were wont to keep him  
in durance vile.

No mistake; he had it—  
the pardon—and upon it was  
a beautiful design in gold  
leaf upon which was im-  
pressed the Great Seal of  
the Commonwealth of Ken-  
tucky and it (the pardon)  
bore the signature of the  
Governor, attested by the  
Secretary of State.

And when and wherefore  
did all this happen?

We are reliably informed  
that the instrument bears  
date just prior to the No-  
vember election, 1910. Draw  
your own conclusion, ye of-  
ficers of the law and law-  
abiding citizens, who have  
spared neither time nor ex-  
pense in your efforts to sup-  
press the illegal whisky traf-  
fic in Morgan county.

Small wonder that our be-  
loved State increased less  
than 7 per cent in the last  
decade. Four more years of  
such administration and we  
would decrease twenty per  
cent.

LATER—Since the above  
was put in type we have  
learned that the instrument  
which Parson Lykins doubt-  
less believed to be a full and  
complete pardon was only a  
reprieve or suspension of  
sentence which reflects no  
credit upon his (Parson Ly-  
kins') intelligence nor cre-  
ates any excuse for Governor  
Wilson's action in the mat-  
ter.

Say, Parson, didn't you  
buy a gold brick when you  
got that paper?

Col. T. G. Stuart, of Win-  
chester, is being urged by  
his friends to enter the race  
for the Democratic nomina-  
tion for Lieutenant Gov-  
ernor, and should he decide to  
do so he will be a strong  
candidate. Located almost  
on the border between the  
mountains and the Blue  
Grass—a Blue Grass man  
with a thorough knowledge  
of the mountain people, in  
sympathy with their tradi-  
tions and in touch with their  
progress, he would be an ex-  
ceptionally strong man in  
this section.

Col. Stuart is a Past Grand

Chancellor of the Knights  
of Pythias of Kentucky, a  
lawyer of ability, a suc-  
cessful business man and cour-  
teous gentleman, and should  
he enter this race will make  
a strong, aggressive fight  
for the nomination.

In a rather lengthy and  
somewhat acrimonious state-  
ment Hon. Ben Johnson has  
withdrawn from the race for  
the gubernatorial nomina-  
tion. Mr. Johnson says that  
he could win the nomination  
but that on account of the  
anti-Catholic sentiment in  
some parts of the State he  
would be defeated in No-  
vember.

Had it not been for the  
extreme inclemency of the  
weather the pipe line crew,  
about 30 in number, would  
have finished laying the pipe  
in town Wednesday, and the  
work of plumbing the resi-  
dences and business houses  
would have begun at once.  
Dr. Collier does not stop his  
forces for anything except a  
downpour of rain, and if the  
weather man hadn't been  
unkind to us we would have  
had to open our doors to the  
plumbers today. The Com-  
pany is installing the loop  
system which will insure ev-  
ery patron a uniform supply  
of gas and entirely obviate  
the danger of a shortage of  
supply.

Whoop'em Doc, we are  
getting anxious to know  
just how we will desport our-  
selves under the glare of a  
gas light.

## Correspondence

LYON, MONT., Jan. 24, 1911.  
EDITOR THE COURIER.—I am  
in receipt of a copy of your pa-  
per of Jan. 5, though I do not  
know whom to thank for it. I  
suppose it is the kind remem-  
brance of some friend. It must  
have been a case of mental tele-  
pathy for I should have sent my  
subscription by the next mail.  
Whoever it was, could not have  
sent a more appreciated present.  
I think I read every word, even  
the advertisements.

I was very much pleased to  
note the progress and improve-  
ment in the town and county,  
especially the school. I believe  
it is destined to be the leading  
school of the mountains. I have  
confidence in the management  
and the citizens making it such.

This is a great country and one  
that certainly gives promise for  
the future. I am in the heart of  
the Rockies just west of the Yel-  
lowstone National Park. The  
scenery is fine but no place will  
ever be as dear to me as the  
"East Kentucky Hills" especially  
the hills about West Liberty and  
no people like those of old Morgan.  
The amusing little story in  
your paper of the daring hunters  
who were chased by a rattler re-  
minds me of an experience I had  
last autumn while duck shooting  
on the Missouri river. I was  
walking along a narrow path  
winding up the river bluff when  
I was started by a harsh, whir-  
ring sound dangerously near me.  
Instinctively I sprang as far as  
possible in the opposite direction,  
which under the circumstances  
was no short distance, at the  
same time bringing my gun into  
position. I was not an instant  
too soon for right beside the  
path, its head elevated a foot or  
more and slowly swaying from  
side to side; its body coiled for a  
leap, was a huge yellow rattler.  
I was not long in delivering a  
charge of shot which completely  
destroyed its head. Sorry to say  
that in attempting to take the  
rattlesnake as a trophy they were  
completely spoiled so I have no  
proof of the truth of this story  
except a few gray hairs and the  
assurance that I was perfectly  
sober.

I will not make the time-worn  
promise to write again if this es-  
capes the wast basket, for the  
promise would, I fear, be a sure  
waybill to the basket.

Wishing success to the  
and its readers I am sincere,  
Elza P. Haney

MAYTOWN

M. W. Pieratt, C. M. McGuire  
and Bruce Nickell have returned  
home from Lexington where they  
shipped their tobacco.

J. C. Manin who has been visit-  
ing friends and relatives at this  
place returned to his home in  
Ill. accompanied by his son and  
wife where they will make their  
future home.

R. M. Hamilton and family  
visited Manford Elam Sunday.

Mrs. Zelma Elam is on the sick  
list this week.

Squire Shockey was here on  
business last week.

UNCLE DICK

OMER.

J. T. Ratliff visited the sister  
Sunday eve.

Mrs. Bettie Hale spent Thurs-  
day with Mrs. Laura Cox, who  
is poorly with rheumatism.

S. P. Adams and wife visited  
G. R. Cox Sunday.

Prof. Gus Hale spent Satur-  
day night with the writer.

Glen Fugett and Stanley Bish-  
op of DeHart, visited Arlie Hale  
Saturday night.

J. M. Perry and family will  
start to Ill. in a few days.

Ben Craft is disposing of his  
possessions preparatory to going  
to Mo., in a few days. S. P.  
Adams is also talking of going.

Married Jan. 31st I. D. Cox  
and Miss Dora Cox, daughter of  
John A. Cox of Yocum.

Prof. Hale and Cox have been  
teaching singing school at Tom's  
Branch the past ten days. It  
seems the class made great  
progress during the term.

Willie Peyton has moved into  
his new residence.

T. H. Carpenter of Elder was  
in this vicinity Sunday.

John C. Lykins is making pre-  
parations to move to the Blue  
Grass, to have his wife's eyes  
treated, and to farm this season.

Jerry McGuire and wife visit-  
ed A. T. McGuire, Sunday.

Mr. Howard of Floyd Co.,  
Louis Howard of this place a few  
days.

O. P. Williams of Pomp visited  
his father, A. J. Williams, last  
week.

Well several of our neighbors  
are leaving. They say tax is so  
high and the value of their land  
so much overestimated by the  
Supervisors, that they can't raise  
their support and pay their tax  
with their farm products, and  
they are going to where the soil  
is more productive, the tax com-  
paratively lower, their honesty,  
their integrity, and year even  
their oaths will stand unimpeach-  
ed. I, as one of the Assessors for  
the present year, will say there  
are some people that should be  
raised, while there are some  
that were raised that should not  
have been. People who actually  
valued their land above what  
they could cash it for at any fair  
sale, yet they were raised from  
\$300, to \$500. This is an unfair,  
unjust business and should be  
remedied in some way or other.

Cow Boy

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The Lee Manufacturing Co.,  
has many able representatives  
here who are doing a good busi-  
ness. The goods sold are cheap at  
half the money they cost.

Mrs. Frank Lewis, of Charles-  
ton, passed through here last  
week enroute to grassy, to see  
her son, Jim who is selling out  
to go West.

Jasper and Granyille Elam, of  
Mt. Sterling, are visiting friends  
and relatives here this week.

Wm. Smith and Noah Jackson,  
of Cannel City, were visiting  
Wess Blevins last week.

W. H. Gevedon, West Liberty  
passed through here Saturday.

Kerby Williams, of Breathitt  
county was here last week on  
business.

Lee Ferguson and family spent  
Sunday with Hiram Havens and  
family.

Dudley Thomas had the misfor-  
tune to lose a fine mare one day

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FOR RAW FURS AND HIDES  
Wool on Commission. Write for price  
list mentioning this ad.  
Established 1887  
JOHN WHITE & CO, LOUISVILLE, KY.

last week.

Mrs. Marry Claypool is very low  
with lagrip.

The writer in company with  
John H. Elam attended church  
at Centerville Sunday.

Dr. W. L. Gevedon, of Grassy  
passed through here Monday.

Mrs. Maggie Blevin and daugh-  
ter Cassie Reed spent a few days  
this week at Wellsville, the guest  
of J. M. Reed and family.

K. M. Couch, of Grassy Creek  
sold his farm to George Stacy  
\$2000 and as soon as he can  
dispose of his personal property  
go to Iowa to make his fu-  
ture home.

Lightning struck Leborn Lyk-  
telephone box last Friday  
night and set his dwelling on  
fire, but the blaze was discover-  
ed in time to be extinguished  
before any damage was done.

There will be preaching at the  
Amore Grove school house  
today by Z. T. Pence.

Lewis Henry bought a fine  
cow of C. A. Mullins of Floress  
last week.

Ellie Elam has mumps.

Don H.

Wess

Executive, January 1, 1911

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veyed by F. H. Roberson to J. W.

Roberson by deed recorded in deed  
book 22, page 23, and bounded and de-  
scribed as follows: On Pleasant Run,  
beginning on a white oak standing on  
top of the ridge between Neal Whit-  
farm and the land owned by J. W. Rob-  
erson, being beginning corner of J. W.  
Roberson's land; thence with J. W.  
Roberson's line to a small maple stand-  
ing on the side of a small drain near  
the John Elliott cabin site and corner  
of the T. J. Lewis line; thence with  
said line up the branch to the upper  
forks of same to two small beeches;  
thence a straight line to a dogwood  
and black oak on top of the ridge near  
U. S. Bailey's fence; thence with the  
meanders of said ridge to the begin-  
ning.

Third Tract. A tract of land con-  
veyed by John Roberson to J. W. Rob-  
erson, and recorded in deed book 19,  
page 310, and bounded and described  
as follows: On Blackey Branch of  
Pleasant Run of Licking river, and  
bounded by beginning at a white oak  
standing on top of the ridge between  
the Joe Day Branch inside the Neal  
Whitt field; thence a straight line to  
three small chestnuts standing on the  
left hand side of a certain drain near  
the John Elliott cabin; thence same  
line with the drain to the top of the  
ridge; thence with the top of the ridge  
to John Roberson's fence standing on  
top of the main ridge between Blackey  
Branch and Board Branch; thence  
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# LOOK

## LISTEN!

During the three months ending  
Dec. 31st., 1910, THE LICKING  
VALLEY COURIER increased its  
circulation 100 per cent.

How is that for a country paper?

What will help us to increase 10  
per cent. the first three months of  
1911?

We can do it with your help; and  
will give you \$2.00 worth of read-  
ing for \$1.00. Does that sound  
good?

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paper in the mountains. We stand  
for the mountain people and that  
means "U"

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